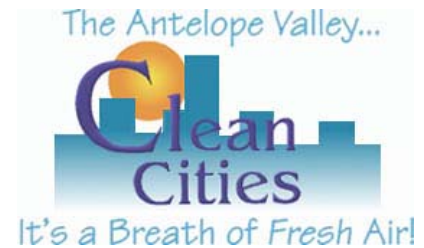


ANTELOPE VALLEY CLEAN CITIES UPDATE



The Antelope Valley Clean Cities Coalition (AVCCC) is a locally based, voluntary government-industry partnership coordinated by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) to expand the use of alternatives to gasoline and diesel fuel. The current list of alternative fuels includes: electricity, ethanol, methanol, natural gas, liquefied petroleum gas (propane), and biodiesel.

Building on local initiative, the AVCCC acts as a clearinghouse for information on how to purchase alternate fueled vehicles, where to fuel them, and what funding opportunities may be available to assist in the development of local alternate fuel fleets. The AVCCC represents a cooperative partnership between local businesses, community groups and government, whose purpose is to share ideas to develop the Antelope Valley's alternative fuel program. As a member of the Clean Cities network, the AVCCC is eligible to compete for funds under DOE's State Energy Program Special Project grants. In addition to DOE's funding sources, the AVCCC has access to the Carl Moyer Heavy Duty Vehicle Funds, and Mobile Source Emission Reduction Program funds that can be utilized to offset the additional cost of alternate fueled vehicles purchases, alternate fuel filling or charging station installations, or other related alternate fuel projects. To date, the AVAPCD and the AVCCC has acquired and distributed more than two million dollars to be used to support the growth of alternative fuels in the Antelope Valley.

While the DOE's Clean Cities Program provides communities with outreach tools - such as training, publications, a national program web site, and networking opportunities - the overall success of the AVCCC lies with the local community. Through a strong membership base, the AVCCC can effect changes that will lead to improved quality of life in the Antelope Valley.

During their regular October meeting, the AVAPCD Governing Board passed a resolution to accept \$25,000 in match grant funds from the DOE to assist in funding a Coordinator position for the local coalition. Bret Banks, AVAPCD Operations Manager will serve as the AVCC's Coordinator.

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